GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2116
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2000
TRADE WITH BANGLADESH
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the recent heavy flood has hit the trade between India and Bangladesh badly; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and loss suffered by India; and (

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c) : The movement of export-import goods through Petrapole-Benapole Land Customs Stations was suspended for about 21 days in September - October, 2000 due to floods. The concerned authorities in State Government of West Bengal were requested to take appropriate steps to repair the infrastructure at the Petrapole border point. Similar request was also made to the Bangladesh authorities for restoration of communication on their side. The movement of goods through this check-post has since been restored.